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SUBJECT: LAUREL-LANGLEY -- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DECREE DELAYED

REF: (A) MANILA 7382 (B) MANILA 7470

1. JUSTIC SECRETARY ABAD SANTOS TOLD ADCM JUNE 5 THAT HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO RENEGE ON ASSURANCE SUBJECT DECREE WOULD BE ISSUED ON PAST WEEKEND, BECAUSE PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT TIMING. MARCOS PROPOSED INSTEAD TO ISSUE SUBJECT DECREE ON JUNE 11, THE DAY OF HIS RETURN FROM PRC. ABAD SANTOS WAS CERTAIN DECREE WOULD BE ISSUED ON THAT DATE. CONTENT WOULD BE AS REPORTED REF B.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS DECREE COULD BE ONLY ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HIS APPARENT SKITTISHNESS ABOUT THE CHINA TRIP. SINCE THE MAIN SUBSTANCE OF THE DECREE ALREADY HAS APPEARED IN MANILA PAPERS; SINCE THE MOST PROBABLE HARDLINER ABAD SANTOS HIMSELF SAYS HE HAS AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL, AND SI LENIOP DOES NOT SEEM PREPARED TO ACT AGAINST THE LANDOWNERS INVOLVED, THERE MAY BE NOT GREAT URGENCY ABOUT ISSUE. FOR SOME LANDOWNERS, HOWEVER, THE DELAY IS A BIT OF CHINESE WATER TORTURE, AND A FEW HAVE PANICKED AND SOLD. WE ARE, THEREFORE, KEEPING THE HEAT ON TO GET
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